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### IN VACATION.

**Captain Patteson Could Not Read Print.**—Any person who has ever received a letter from Captain Camm Patteson, of Buckingham, will testify that that distinguished, able and dignified gentleman would never fill the role of "Jim, the Penman." It would be a physical impossibility for the Buckingham senator to forge the name of any person in the world, and it would require the most expeditious, careful and excellent demonstration of the art chirographic for any person to approach the handwriting of Captain Patteson.

He has enjoyed many a laugh at the expense of his own handwriting, and it is said that whenever a letter is put into the postoffice at Buckingham Courthouse and the address cannot be read, it is sent back to Captain Patteson, regardless as to whom the letter may have been posted by, with the stamp, "Returned for Better Direction." It is said that many a letter has gone wrong because of this error—sending to Captain Patteson letters which have been posted by others and carelessly directed, Captain Patteson getting them and completing the direction without ever thinking as to whether the letter was or was not his—the handwriting being considered ample proof that no one else than Captain Patteson wrote it.

S. S. P. Patteson, of this city, is a brother of the Buckingham lawyer-statesman. Not long ago Mr. Patteson, of this city, received a letter from the brother in Buckingham. A reply was sent in due time, and as Mr. Patteson of this city had often taunted his brother in Buckingham with his illegible handwriting, the gentleman from Buckingham evened things up by returning the reply received from this city with this endorsement:

"Dear Prentiss: Your handwriting is so infernally bad that I cannot read what you have written. Please get some one to teach you how to write.  
Yours, C. P."

S. S. P. Patteson, who received the letter from the Buckingham lawyer-statesman, is having a great deal of fun at the expense of the Buckingham member, for the letter sent from this city was typewritten, and the gallant captain, thinking he would get even with his brother had opened the letter and made the endorsement without opening the document to see that it was typewritten.—Richmond News-Leader.

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**Cause and Effect.**—"Gentlemen of the jury," erupted the attorney for the plaintiff, addressing the twelve Arkansas peers, who were sitting in judgment and on their respective shoulder-blades, in a damage suit against a grasping corporation for killing a cow. "If the train had been running as slow as it should have been ran, if the bell had been rung as it ort to have been rang, or the whistle had been blown as it should have been blew, none of which was did, the cow would not have been injured when she was killed."—Puck.